

Iowa Council on Homelessness

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A. Governance

a. Strengths

- i. Strength in numbers
- ii. Advocating at state / national levels
- iii. Client focused
- iv. Local based services
- v. Encourages collaboration among agencies
- vi. Provide services to the most vulnerable people in our communities
- vii. Formed locally
- viii. Increased Point In Time counts (numbers and accuracy)
- ix. Strong local relationships
- x. Opportunities to consolidate resources
- xi. Willingness of agencies to participate
- xii. Ease of access by clients, providers and funders
- xiii. Local/Individual organizational engagement
- xiv. Data Systems (HMIS)
- xv. Connect rural areas with urban areas
- xvi. Streamlined screens
- xvii. Easier access by clients
- xviii. House clients faster
- xix. Better use of funds
- xx. Prioritization occurs
- xxi. Collaboration
- xxii. CSR approach
- xxiii. Consistent way of doing business
- xxiv. Data collection
- xxv. Information obtained and sharing
- xxvi. Evidence based
- xxvii. Individualized – right solution for each client
- xxviii. Agencies that do the work help make decisions

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- xxix. Collaborative process
- xxx. Allows for networking across entire state
- xxxi. Knowledge base of members
- xxxii. Volunteer based
- xxxiii. Collaboration more local geared to our needs
- xxxiv. Local/familiar links
- xxxv. Experienced members
- xxxvi. Low financial overhead
- xxxvii. IFA as a catalyst
- xxxviii. Community structure
- xxxix. Information
 - xl. Communication
 - xli. Guidance
 - xlii. Consolidated application
 - xlili. Good Communication for COC concerns/issues
 - 1. Technical Assistance

b. Weaknesses

- i. Large and confusing organization
- ii. Less voice for local coalitions
- iii. Communication challenges
- iv. Technology challenges (call-in meetings)
- v. Collaboration efforts (Nebraska)
- vi. Slipping through cracks (local efforts)
- vii. Lack of services to fit all regions
- viii. All homeless providers not required to participate
- ix. Time intensive for providers/planners
- x. Oversight
- xi. Adequate dollars to cover costs
- xii. Work fall to one agency
- xiii. Willingness for agencies to participate
- xiv. Communication/Guidance
- xv. DV providers feel unwelcome and unheard

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- xvi. Challenging implementation process
- xvii. Limited providers in rural areas
- xviii. Lack of funding
- xix. Confidentiality concerns
- xx. Training challenges (incomplete and not uniform)
- xxi. Support staff shortages
- xxii. Lack of involvement with non-HUD funded agencies
- xxiii. Learning curves
- xxiv. Still very new
- xxv. Requires change in Agency approach
- xxvi. Areas without services coverage
- xxvii. BOS difficulties
- xxviii. Non-housing properties no joining
- xxix. Funding
 - xxx. Rural areas with fewer resources (too many extra steps)
 - xxxi. Administrative (staffing, support)
 - xxxii. Limited resources
 - xxxiii. Lack of shelters
 - xxxiv. Lack of funding for Hotels
 - xxxv. Lack of transportation
 - xxxvi. Volunteer based
 - xxxvii. No term limits on individual members
 - 1. Need new blood at times
 - 2. No transition or limit on committees
- xxxviii. Conflicts of interest
- xxxix. Geographic base is very large
 - xl. All volunteer board
 - xli. Lack of resources
 - xlii. Equity of resources
 - xliii. Full time work loads
 - xliv. Too many programs
 - xliv. Conflicts of interest

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- xlvi. Time
- xlvi. Des Moines location
- xlvi. Volunteers
- xlvi. Limited Regional Representation
 - I. Volunteers – no CoC Lead
 - li. Limited fund raising
 - lii. Roll Call
 - liii. Limited input from non-BOS CoC Providers

c. Opportunities

- i. More frequent meetings or locations
- ii. Collaboration with others (Nebraska)
- iii. Data collected from regions supports decisions or where new services are needed.
- iv. Get local funders more involved in homeless issues
- v. Educate the community on the need for services
- vi. More coverage ability, state wide
- vii. Secure more funding
- viii. Access to more staffing
- ix. Collaboration with local / state gov.
- x. Awareness
- xi. Engage community stakeholders
- xii. Meet high need population
- xiii. Educate public about homelessness
- xiv. Continued collaboration
- xv. Bring others into the homeless system
- xvi. Recognize deficient areas
- xvii. Funding (local and state)
- xviii. Data Entry – Sharing
- xix. Linkage and Networking
- xx. Community awareness
- xxi. Evidence of collaboration
- xxii. Additional resources available, just need to be requested

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1. Logistics
 2. Foundations
 3. Public Donors
- xxiii. 49 other BOS Agencies to look at for guidance
 - xxiv. Partnerships with other councils
 - xxv. Educate Community
 - xxvi. Collaborate with other communities
 - xxvii. Central location
 - xxviii. Accountability
 - xxix. HUD TA
 - xxx. Chance to Recalibrate
 - xxxi. Non Profit Status
1. Break CoC governance away from Advisory Body
- xxxii. Advocacy and Lobby Effors

d. Threats

- i. Political changes (funding)
- ii. Volunteer turnover
- iii. Lack of funding to directly support regions
- iv. Continued funding (dollars)
- v. Public Perception
- vi. Lack of funding
- vii. Encroaching on faith based programs
- viii. Loss of HUD funding
- ix. Moving away from direct services
- x. Travel increase and challenges
- xi. Community collaboration
- xii. Programs not investing in Homelessness
- xiii. Side doors being open
- xiv. Funding constraints
- xv. Side door entrance
- xvi. Cookie cutter approach
- xvii. Limits ability to self-resolve

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- xviii. No opportunities for 7 or 14 day
- xix. Processes can increase barriers to service/care
- xx. CoC cannot keep up with other more developed organizations, and may lose money.
- xxi. If certain members of the council who perform much of the work needed leave, who will replace them?
- xxii. Funding questions (Federal, State, Local)
- xxiii. Political support for services
- xxiv. Fear of the unknown
- xxv. Agencies being left out
- xxvi. Conflicts
- xxvii. Lack of knowledge of non-homeless members
- xxviii. Governor appointed members
- xxix. Structural Issues with volunteer burn out